Product	Rate of concession (Rs. per tonne)
Indigenous DAP	1000/-
MOP	1000/-
SSP	340/-
Indigenous Complexes	435—999/-

An amount of Rs. 756 crores has been earmarked for the scheme for 1993-94 which is to be obtained by Supplementary Grant.

Developing of prawn farming

4431. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are granting loans for developing Prawn farming;

(b) if so, what is the maximum amount of loan under this scheme, what are the norms prescribed by Government for eligibility;

(c) what is the total number of persons benefited by this loan scheme;

(d) what is the total amount of Export in foreign exchange in Prawn Export Scheme; and

(e) which country tops the list of import of our Prawn export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) A sum of Rs. 1180.26 crore was earned as foreign exchange by export of prawns during 1992-93.

(e) Japan.

Subsidy to farmers of coconut-trees

4432. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to raise the grant/subsidy to farmers for cutting the diseased coconut trees and replanting new ones;

(b) if so, the details thereof including date and the new grant/subsidy per tree;

(c) which are the States adopted the Scheme and paying to the farmers;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that some State Governments divert the grants in aid for other purposes;

(e) what steps are being taken to see that the aid to reach the farmers;

(f) whether there is any proposal for crop insurance for coconut trees, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether there is any comprehensive coconut development plan for the purpose, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) During the VIIIth Plan, it is proposed to raise the grant/subsidy to farmers for cutting the diseased coconut trees from Rs. 75/- per palm to Rs. 200/- per palm and subsidy on seedlings for replanting from Rs. 4/- to Rs. 5/- per seedling.

(c) The scheme was under implementation in Kerala. During VIII Plan, it is proposed to extend this programme to other coconut growing States also.